

EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 13, “Issuance of Teacher Licenses and Endorsements,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Currently, Iowa graduates after January 1, 2013, who do not pass the required assessments are not eligible for a substitute license (only a substitute authorization). Out-of-state graduates are currently eligible for a substitute license because they have completed a teacher preparation program and have obtained licensure in another state. The proposed amendment will create equity for both Iowa graduates and out-of-state graduates by requiring out-of-state graduates to also pass the required assessments for substitute licensure.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at the public hearing that will be held Wednesday, December 4, 2013, at 1 p.m. in Room 3 Southwest, Third Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendment. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147, or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment before 4 p.m. on Friday, December 6, 2013. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Kim Cunningham, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, at the above address, or sent by e-mail to kim.cunningham@iowa.gov, or by fax to (515)281-7669.

This amendment is subject to waiver pursuant to 282—Chapter 6, “Waivers or Variances From Administrative Rules.”

After analysis and review of this rule making, there is no anticipated impact on jobs.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 272.2(1)“a.”

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 13.16(1) as follows:

13.16(1) *Substitute teacher requirements.* A substitute teacher’s license may be issued to an individual who provides verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education if the teacher preparation program was completed on or after January 1, 2013, and who:

a. Has completed a traditional teacher preparation program and been the holder of, or presently holds, a license in Iowa; or holds or held a regular teacher’s license or certificate in another state, exclusive of temporary, emergency, or substitute certificate or license; or

b. Has successfully completed all requirements of an approved teacher education program, but did not apply for an Iowa teacher’s license at the time of completion of the approved program; or

c. Holds a valid or expired teaching certificate based on a nontraditional teacher preparation program, is able to verify three years of teaching experience, and provides passing scores on tests

mandated by the state that issued the certificate. The license issued will contain a disclaimer stating that the holder of this license may not be eligible for full Iowa teaching licensure.